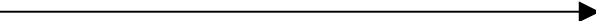


APPENDIX 13

CRITERIA FOR LARGE GROUP AREA DESIGNATION

More likely to designate  Less likely

Rating/Criteria	I (Likely to be designated)	II (Possible designation)	III (Complex)	IV (Unlikely)
Size and Access Sites must be at least ½ acre in size	Accessible from State Hwy, County Class B, BLM system road. Access by all weather road and oversize RVs.	Accessible from Class B or BLM system road. May not have all weather access.	Access by designated routes (not County or BLM system road) High clearance required	Access by wash or dirt track. Four wheel drive required.
Site resilience and resistance.	Site barren, largely unvegetated due to the nature of the substrate (wash bottom, slick rock, hard pan) or as a result of previous disturbance/activity such as construction, quarry, etc. Not subject high erosion or rutting when wet or extreme dust when dry.			Vegetated sites, Riparian sites, highly erodable or compactable soils, cryptobiotic cover etc.
ROS Class	U,R,RN,	SPM, high density area	SPM, low density of use. SPNM	SPNM, P
Resource Sensitivity within ½ mile of the site	Low resource sensitivity especially for critical resources: wilderness, cultural resources, T&E, paleo, Riparian, sensitive and critical wildlife habitats, critical, erosive soils. Designation would help protect a critical resource.	Low to Moderate sensitivity for critical resources. Route designation would have minor direct/indirect impact on critical resources	Moderate to high sensitivity. Route, with some minor design enhancement would not threaten a critical resource.	High sensitivity. Designation of route would impair one or more critical resources.
Rangeland Standards and Recreation Guidelines	Standards for rangeland health met. Route comports with recreation	Uplands or riparian functioning at risk. Route designation	Uplands or riparian functioning at risk and route designation	Condition non-functioning, or functioning at risk as a

	guidelines.	would work towards improving condition.	would not work towards improvement	result of OHV use on the route.
SRMA/ERMA Goals and objectives	Designation is consistent with goals and objectives.	Designation would be neutral in terms of meeting objectives.	Designation would tend to be non-conforming or not a "best fit." Mitigation may be needed.	Route designation would be in direct conflict with goals and objectives. <i>Do not designate unless objectives are modified.</i>
Conflict with other resource users (not just recreation, ranching, minerals development, forestry, military etc)	No Conflict	Minor conflict, temporal in nature, can be mitigated by users with minimal effort.	More direct conflict, not managed or mitigated without direct, BLM management action. <i>May designate only if conflict is mitigated.</i>	Direct, unmitigated, unmanaged conflict <i>May designate only if conflict is mitigated.</i>